

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

Sub A2 1. An operating device for a lifting platform,  
comprising:  
a housing, the housing including:  
a cover; and  
a plurality of operating elements, each  
operating element being configured to operate the  
lifting platform, each operating element disposed in  
the cover and formed as a foot switch;

wherein the housing is configured to be arranged in a  
sunken manner in a floor, the cover being configured to be  
disposed at a level of the floor.

2. The operating device according to claim 1, wherein  
the lifting platform is configured to lift a motor vehicle.

Pub C27 3. The operating device according to claim 1, wherein an  
upper side of the cover is configured to be aligned with the  
level of the floor.

4. The operating device according to claim 1, wherein  
the operating elements include a first foot switch configured  
to lift the lifting platform, a second foot switch configured  
to lower the lifting platform and a safety foot switch, the  
first foot switch, the second foot switch and the safety foot  
switch being arranged inside of the cover, the safety foot  
switch being arranged at a distance to the first foot switch  
and the second foot switch, the safety foot switch being

configured to activate the first foot switch and the second foot switch

5. The operating device according to claim 1, wherein the operating elements include an emergency de-activation foot switch arranged inside of the cover.

6. The operating device according to claim 1, wherein the housing includes a foundation pan, the foundation pan including a bottom plate, a longitudinal wall and a transverse wall.

7. The operating device according to claim 6, further comprising an outlet connection piece disposed on the bottom plate.

8. The operating device according to claim 6, further comprising an empty pipe connection piece disposed in at least one of the longitudinal wall and the transverse wall, the empty pipe connection piece being configured to receive at least one line connected to at least one of a switching device and the lifting platform.

9. The operating device according to claim 1, further comprising at least one display device provided in one of the housing and the cover, the at least one display device being configured to provide a display in accordance with predetermined operating states.